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Subject: **Interim measure for holders of a Canadian fishing master Certificate of Competency who seeks recognition under the STCW-F**

Purpose

This bulletin aims to inform fishing vessel personnel of an interim measure available to holders of a Canadian Fishing Master Certificate of Competency (CoC) wishing to have their certificate recognized as valid for service under the *International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F)*.

Scope

This bulletin applies to masters who:

- navigate a Canadian fishing vessel of 24 metres in length and over,
- engage on international voyages, and
- hold a valid Canadian Fishing Master Certificate of Competency.

Canadian fishing masters who wish to be in full compliance of the STCW-F in the event of vessel inspections during an international voyage, are encouraged to follow the measure outlined in this ship safety bulletin. Such masters, however, have no legal obligation to fully meet the STCW-F requirements until Canadian regulations are made to fully implement the Convention.

Keywords:

1. STCW-F
2. Marine Personnel Regulations
3. Certificate of Competency
4. Transitional period
5. International voyages

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Background

The *STCW-F* came into force on September 29, 2012. The Convention sets out the certification and training requirements for the master and deck officers of a fishing vessel of 24 metres in length and over. Since September 29, 2017, Canada – as a party to the *STCW-F* – is expected to issue CoCs which are in full compliance with the requirements of the *STCW-F*.

Interim measure

Transport Canada Marine Safety and Security (TCMSS) is developing regulations to ensure full compliance with the *STCW-F*.

Until these regulations come into force, TCMSS encourages holders of fishing vessel certificate of competency described in the following Annex to carry documentation indicating the appropriate validity of their CoC under *STCW-F*.

How to follow the measure

Holders of Canadian Fishing Master CoCs who are engaged on international voyages should:

1. Consult the table in this bulletin to verify that their certificate is included in the interim measure.
2. Request a letter by using any of the contact methods given in this bulletin, or visit a TCMSS Examination Centre to make the request.
    - Pacific Region
    - Prairie and Northern Region
    - Ontario Region
    - Quebec Region
    - Atlantic Region

Annex - Certificates of Competency and their validity under the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessel Personnel, 1995 (STCW-F)

Certificate of Competency	Validity under the Convention	Regulation under the Convention
Fishing Master, First Class (CFV1) first issued from March 21, 1980 and before July 1, 2007	**Skipper, Unlimited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 1
Fishing Master, First Class (FM1) issued as from July 1, 2007	**Skipper, Unlimited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 1
Fishing Master, Second Class (CFV2) first issued from March 21, 1980 and before July 1, 2007	**Skipper,** fishing vessel of any gross tonnage engaged on a voyage anywhere within the area around North America bounded by the meridians of longitude 30 degrees West and 180 degrees West and north of the parallel of latitude 6 degrees North	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1
	Skipper, Limited Waters	Chapter II, Regulation 3
	Officer, Unlimited Waters	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1
Fishing Master, Second Class (FM2) first issued from July 1, 2007 to September 29, 2017	**Skipper, Limited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 3
	Officer, Unlimited Waters	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1 & 2
Fishing Master, Second Class (FM 2) issued after September 29, 2017	**Skipper, Limited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 3
Fishing Master, Third Class (CFV3) first issued from March 21, 1980 and before July 1, 2007	**Skipper, Limited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 3
	Officer, Unlimited Waters	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1
Fishing Master, Third Class (FM3) first issued from July 1, 2007 to September 29, 2017	**Skipper, Limited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 3
	Officer, Unlimited Waters	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1 & 2
Fishing Master, Third Class (FM3) issued after September 29, 2017	**Skipper, Limited Waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 3
Fishing Master, Fourth Class (CFV 4) first issued from March 21, 1980 and before July 1, 2007	**Officer, Unlimited Waters**	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1
Fishing Master, Fourth Class (FM4) first issued from July 1, 2007 to September 29, 2017	**Officer, Limited Waters**	Chapter I, Regulation 8, paragraph 1 & 2
Fishing Master, Fourth Class (FM4) issued after September 29, 2017	**Officer, Fishing vessel of less than 45 m, Limited waters**	Chapter II, Regulation 4

"Limited waters" means waters within 200 nautical miles from shore or above the continental shelf, limited to the waters contiguous to Canada, United States (except Hawaii) and St-Pierre and Miquelon including on the west coast of Canada the waters up to Cobb-Eickelberg seamount chain at not more than 260 nautical miles from shore. (*eaux limitées*)

"Unlimited waters" means waters that extend beyond "Limited waters". (*eaux illimitées*).